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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA EMPLOYEE RECEIVES 2007 EOUSA DIRECTOR'S AWARD

The Department of Justice held its 24th Annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) Director's Awards Ceremony today, during which 132 awards recipients were recognized for their excellence in law enforcement. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, litigation and technology support personnel, and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state and local law enforcement. Beverly Williams, Paralegal Special, received an award for Superior Performance in a Litigative Support Role. Ms. Williams works in the Asset Forfeiture Section of the Orlando Division. She has devoted herself to the program for nearly 20 years and deserves much of the credit for the Orlando Division's considerable success in pursuing asset forfeiture as an integral part of criminal prosecutions.

"Those who we are honoring today are some of the Department's finest public servants," said Acting Attorney General Peter D. Keisler. "Through their leadership and integrity in carrying out the Department's mission, those of us in the Department and the citizens in the communities they serve can be proud of the duties they perform on our behalf everyday."

"For her superior performance as a paralegal and her longstanding commitment to

the asset forfeiture program, Ms. Williams award is well deserved." said Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt. "The law enforcement community in Orlando has grown considerably since Ms. Williams began working with the forfeiture program in 1989."

While terrorism remains the top priority of the Department of Justice, the Department has continued its mission to enforce all our nation's laws, including prosecuting civil rights violations, gang violence and drug crimes, as well as representing our client agencies, conducting civil enforcement, and assisting victims of crime.

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys provides oversight, general executive assistance, and direction to the 94 United States Attorneys' offices around the country. For more information on EOUSA and its mission, visit http://www.usdoj.gov/usao.